



## Cedar Park Municipal Court Teen Court

# Jury Duty Job Description

As a Juror in Teen Court you will have the opportunity to participate in a very important part of our court system. Jury duty is both a privilege and a serious responsibility. You are required to base your sentencing verdict upon the evidence you hear in court. You are obligated to perform honestly and conscientiously.

**Qualifications of Jurors:** Jurors are required to abide by these rules and the Teen Court dress code.

### Types of Cases You Will Hear:

Misdemeanor fine only offenses such as traffic violations, curfew, and drugs/alcohol/tobacco violations. Offenders have admitted guilt to the charges; therefore, the "trial" is for the purpose of hearing the facts and assessing a fair consequence based on the sentencing guidelines provided.

### Rules of Conduct on the Jury:

- Report at the proper date and time.
- Abide by the Oath of Confidentiality.
- Acknowledge if you know the defendant prior to his/her hearing. You are not allowed to be on the jury or in the courtroom if you know the defendant appearing.
- Listen to every question and answer.
- Do not discuss the case with anyone after leaving the courtroom.
- Control you emotions (laughing, facial expressions, etc.)

### Conduct in the Jury Deliberation Room:

- The selected Foreman shall see that all Jurors have an opportunity to express their opinions and should be willing to organize the discussion.
- Discussion should be limited to the case.
- There is to be no inappropriate behavior while in the jury room.

### Disciplinary Action:

- Removal from the teen court hearing
- If you are participating in the Jury as part of your teen court sentence, your order is revoked and your case will be referred back to the Judge.

### Integrity of the Jurors:

In discharging your duty as a Juror, conduct yourself in such a way that no one can question your uprightness. In case of any question regarding the trial, the Judge should be consulted. The Judge is always available to determine all questions of law pertaining to the case.

### Foreman:

The Jury Foreman, elected by the jury members before deliberation begins, is responsible for supervising the Jury as they deliberate. While maintaining order in the deliberation room the foreman is responsible for advising an adult if the Jury has any questions or problems. When the Judge asks for the verdict, the Foreman shall stand to present the form to the Bailiff.

*I have read and understand the conduct and regulations regarding my participation in Teen Court.*

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Signature of Participant      Date

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Juvenile Case Manager      Date  
City of Cedar Park